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Applicant: Romero Confirmation No. 5228
Serial No.: 10/782,245 Examiner: Hasan Ahmed
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Title: Compositions and methods for timed release of a water-soluble nutritional supplement

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

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This Statement is in response to the Interview Summary mailed October 8, 2009. This Statement is timely filed within the one (1) month time period for reply set forth in the Interview Summary.

Applicant acknowledges the courtesy and suggestions of Examiner Hasan Ahmend and Primary Examiner Humera Sheikh during a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, David Barman, on October 8, 2009.

In the Interview, claims 70 and 71 were discussed. Discussion encompassed comparison of pending claims 70 and 71 with cited references of record U.S. Patent Nos. 6,210,710 and 5,252,339; along with Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0008690.

Applicant has previously filed an amendment/reply, on October 8, 2009, to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 8, 2009 in which Applicant provided citation to the specification for support of the currently pending claims.

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The currently pending claims, as discussed in the Interview and recorded in the Interview Summary, consist of a single active coating agent, shellac. Applicant asserted in the Interview, as well as in the Office Action amendment/reply submitted October 8, 2009, that the cited references, alone and in combination, have no teaching or suggestion for the subject invention as now claimed.

Applicant acknowledges and confirms that the Interview Summary mailed October 8, 2009 correctly summarizes the Interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0734 should any additional fee(s) be required in the filing of this paper to expedite the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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